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DECISION ON PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.97 FOR CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The petition filed under 37 CFR §1.97(d) for consideration of an information disclosure statement filed after allowance has been:

[X] GRANTED.

[] DENIED.

[] It was filed after payment of the issue fee. See 37 CFR §1.97(d)(2).

[] It was filed after the patent grant.

The petition lacks:

[] The required fee under 37 CFR §§1.97(d) and 1.17(i)(1).

A proper certification as specified in 37 CFR §§1.97(d) and 1.97(e).

[]The information disclosure statement has been placed in the file and made of record but will not be considered by the examiner.

[X] IDS CONSIDERED.

The examiner has considered the IDS. See accompanying copy of PTO 1449, or Paper No.11 & No. 12

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